

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:

Grusin, et al.

Application No. 09/838,698

Filed: April 19, 2001

For: MODULAR HUMERAL HEAD WITH
ECCENTRIC CONNECTORTo: Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

) Art Unit: 3738

) Our Ref. 720.93

) Examiner: Barrett, Thomas C.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being:

[] deposited with the United States Postal Service as
express mail in an envelope addressed to:
Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks,
Washington, D.C. 20231[X] facsimile transmitted to the Patent and Trademark
Office - 703-872-9306, ATTN - T. Barrett

[] hand delivered to the Patent and Trademark Office

on this 7th day of January, 2004.

By

Patricia C. Powell

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(e)(2)

By his signature, the undersigned acknowledges that: no item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and, to the knowledge of the person signing the certification after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: 7 January 2004

Steven M. Reiss

Reg. No. 37,519

Wright Medical Technology, Inc.

5677 Airline Rd.

Arlington, TN 38002

(901) 867-4314

RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

JAN 07 2004

OFFICIAL

PTO/SB/08A (08-03)

Approved for use through 07/31/2005. QMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449/PTO

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

Complete if Known

Application Number	09/838,698
--------------------	------------

Filing Date	04/19/2001
-------------	------------

First Named Inventor	Grusin, et al.
----------------------	----------------

Art Unit	3738
----------	------

Examiner Name	Barrett, Thomas C.
---------------	--------------------

Attorney Docket Number	702.93
------------------------	--------

Sheet	1	of	1
-------	---	----	---

U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

[illegible]

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

[illegible]

Examiner
Signature

Date Considered

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 509. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. ¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.